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COMMENCEMENT WEEK

To Begin With Baccalaureate Sermon Sunday Night

Commencement week exercises for the Laclede high school begin with the baccalaureate sermon at the Methodist church next Sunday evening, with the following program:

Song.
Prayer—Rev. R. L. Stratton.
Song.
Scripture Reading—Rev. H. J. Dueker.
Sermon—Rev. J. D. Mendenhall.
Song.
Benediction.

The class play, "The Spv," will be given at the opera house on next Tuesday night, May 16. It is a revolutionary war play in four acts. The scenes are of revolutionary days and the costumes are of colonial times. Following is the cast:

Mrs. Haywood, wife of the late Major Haywood.....Eulah May Estes
Susan Haywood, her daughter.....Vivia Caywood
Dorothy Johnson, Susan's best friend.....Marie Kent
Uncle Peter, an old negro servant.....Bert Maybee
Nancy Haywood, a cousin of Susan.....Virginia Dye
Dick Haywood, Susan's brother.....Daniel Cole
Lieutenant Page, Susan's lover.....Raymond Garside
Colonel Livingstone, of the British Scouts.....Earl Foster
Major Abbott, of the British Scouts.....Guy Stark
Smythe, an orderly.....Clifford Napple
General Haywood, of the American Scouts.....John Dick
Orderly.....Lee Maybee

The admission to the play is children 15 cents; general, 25 cents; 35 cents for reserved seats. Seats reserved at Carothers & Allen's store.

The graduating exercises will be held at the opera house on Wednesday evening, May 17, at which the following will be the program:

Instrumental solo—Miss Kathryn Harter.
Vocal solo—Miss Lena Mendenhall.
Invocation—Rev. H. J. Dueker.
Song.
Address—Hon. J. E. Swanger.
Song.
Presentation of diplomas—Dr. F. W. Burke.

The graduating class numbers 12, as follows: Eulah May Estes, Marie Kent, Virginia Dye, Vivia Caywood, Earl Foster, Bert E. Maybee, Daniel Cole, Lee H. Maybee, Raymond Garside, Clifford Napple, Guy Stark and John Dick.

Four Used Cars For Sale

We have a slightly used Grant Six, almost as good as new; a used Case and two used Ford touring cars that we will sell at bargain prices. Will take second hand Fords or stock as part payment on Grant or Case. Fords cash. Call and see us at once if you want a car at a bargain.

POWER GARAGE.

Administratrix's Notice

Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration upon the estate of John J. Deininger, deceased, have been granted to the undersigned, by the Probate Court of Linn county, Missouri, bearing date the 3th day of May, 1916.
All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them to me for allowance, within six months from the date of said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit of such estate; and if said claims be not exhibited within one year from the date of the last insertion of the publication of this notice, they will be forever barred.
HATTIE DEININGER,
Administratrix.

Don't forget the date, May 16, and come and see "The Spv."

Prizes For Flower Gardens

To encourage the cultivation of flowers the ladies of the Womans Christian Temperance Union have started a movement in Laclede whereby prizes are to be given children who raise the prettiest bed of flowers. They are also putting forth efforts to have flowers in the public park, one bed having been made this week. These ladies are deserving of a great deal of credit for the effort they are making to beautify the town. They are devoting their time as well as spending money from their treasury to get this movement started and it is believed they should meet with encouragement in the work they have undertaken. If any of the business men have prizes to offer for a well kept lawn or flower bed, tell the ladies about it and they will see that the right contestant gets it. Flower seeds and bulbs will be furnished to those who do not have them. You do not have to own your own home in order to help beautify the town, any tenant can make a home look more inviting by having a few flowers. Let all get behind this movement and help clean the town and have flowers growing where heretofore has been tinea piles and weed patches. It will pay.

Road Boss Wanted

The township board held a meeting last Tuesday to take action on some road matters left over from the regular meeting held last month. The board has not yet been able to get a road overseer for the district southeast of Laclede, where one is badly needed. With the exception of the National Trail, which is on the township line, the roads in that district are about the worst ever. There are several places on the cross state highway between Laclede and the township line that would disgrace the most obscure by-road, much less being allowed on a road marked to guide tourists across the state. The land owners along the road seem to have lost all interest and are apparently indifferent as to whether the road is abandoned or not. What is known as the middle road leading east from Laclede has been put in fairly good condition by the farmers and it has been marked as the Big Four trail and an effort is being made to have it designated as the county seat highway in place of the south road so that it may get the dragging fund when the distribution is made. This will probably be done unless the south road is improved at once. While this is a very busy time it does seem as if some farmer should make the sacrifice and accept the position of "road boss" that the district may not fall behind in the matter of good roads.

Methodist Church Notes

H. J. Dueker, Pastor.

Public worship at 11:00 a. m. Mothers' and fathers' day. Fathers as well as mothers are cordially invited to attend this service. Epworthians aim to provide transportation for at least the aged.

Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Wm. Kraft, superintendent.

No Epworth League meeting.

At the evening service, beginning at 8:00 p. m., the baccalaureate sermon will be preached by the Rev. J. D. Mendenhall of Brookfield.

The public are cordially invited to these services.

ON LOCAL SUBJECTS

Local Items and Interesting Bits of News of All Sorts

The local high school baseball team will meet the Marceline team at Highland park Friday afternoon of this week, the game to be called at 3:45. The Laclede boys have won two games this season and are anxious to annex this one and invite you to come out and help them by enthusiastic rooting. Admission 15 and 25 cents.

Miss Grace Sissons left yesterday morning for Denver, Colo., for the benefit of her health. She had the grippe during the winter that developed slight lung trouble and she goes west for treatment. Her many friends hope she may find immediate relief and return home soon. She was accompanied to Denver by W. H. Hamby of Chillicothe.

The P. E. O's met in regular session at the pleasant home of Mrs. Lee E. Hamilton Wednesday afternoon, Mrs. F. F. Pratt having an able lesson on the Panama Canal. The guests were Mrs. Anna Willard, Mrs. H. C. Lomax, Mrs. C. B. Talbott, Mrs. Bruns and Mrs. Threlkeld. The hostess served dainty refreshments, assisted by Miss Edith Hamilton.

There was another good game at Highland park last Monday afternoon when the Laclede team went up against the Red Sox, a semi-professional team from Kansas City that is out on a big tour. While Laclede did not win the game they did some good playing and held the score within reason, 7 to 3 in favor of the visitors. There was a big crowd out and they got their money's worth.

Mrs. Ola Jones, Walnut, Kans., A. R. Boomer, Elk City, Okla., Jas. Wilkins, Walnut, Kans., E. C. Weatherly, Mahto, S. Dak., and D. R. Graves of Springfield, Mo., all former Laclede citizens, have each remitted the past week with instructions to keep the paper coming as they appreciate its weekly visits. Thanks, to each of you, not only for the remittance but for the kinds words expressing appreciation.

Sunday, April 30, was the twentieth anniversary of the hanging of Bill Taylor, the Linn county murderer, at Carrollton. E. B. Allen, then sheriff of this county, adjusted the rope about Taylor's neck while Geo. E. Standly, then sheriff of Carroll county, sprung the trap. That was the first and only execution to take place in Carroll county. Bill and George Taylor were convicted of killing the Meeks family near Browning. George escaped from the Carrollton jail and is still at large.

The Women Christian Temperance Union will hold their regular meeting at the home of Mrs. Harry Hall, Tuesday afternoon, May 16. The contest will be closed that day and all new members will be taken into the union at this meeting. Regular members are urged to be present. Subject of the lesson is "Mothers' Day." Leader, Mrs. J. B. Jones. Mothers wanting their babies dedicated to the White Ribbon Recruits are invited for this will be one of the features of the afternoon. Everyone is cordially invited to attend this meeting.

Local and Personal

Dahlia bulbs for sale. Miss Sarah Moss, phone 33.

Lauda Lloyd left Tuesday on a business trip to Oklahoma.

Dr. F. W. Burke spent Monday in Kansas City on professional business.

Mrs. F. W. Keune was called to Iowa Monday by the death of a relative.

For sale—a fine three year old heifer to be fresh June 4. H. H. Benjamin.

Attorney C. C. Bigger attended Marion county circuit court at Palmyra Tuesday.

Mrs. Leon W. Lomax of Des Moines, Iowa, visited over Sunday with relatives here.

Mrs. J. D. Mendenhall spent Monday afternoon in Laclede, guest of Mrs. A. J. Caywood.

J. B. Patrick spent Sunday in Kansas City attending the Billy Sunday meeting morning and evening.

Pure bred Barred Plymouth Rock eggs. Have been bred pure for 20 years. Fifty cents per setting. Phone 67. The Oaks.

Grading and preparing the streets for oiling is expected to begin soon and the work will be done as rapidly as possible.

"An Affair of Three Nations," five reels of Pathe Gold Rooster films at the opera house on Thursday night of this week. Admission 5 and 10 cents.

A. H. Kerr returned to his home at Lincoln, Nebr., last Friday after a visit with his brother, J. M. and family at Forker and other relatives in this county.

Lewis M. Wilson, who has been critically ill for the past two weeks, underwent an operation last Monday and is now improving with hopes of complete recovery.

John C. Brown is home from a month's business trip through the south and is ready to talk Saxon Six and demonstrate the fine quality of that car to those who may be interested.

Superintendent Crookshank and all the teachers have been re-employed for next year except Miss Walker in the high school who was not an applicant as she has decided not to teach next year.

Special feature program on Thursday night of each week and regular program on Saturday nights will be the order at the moving picture house in the future, and all shows will be 5 and 10 cents.

A. B. Umbarger has returned to his home in Illinois after spending a couple of weeks here helping his sister, Mrs. Hattie Deininger, adjust matters connected with the estate since the death of her husband.

The debate at the opera house last Friday night did not draw a very large house, yet the discussion was entertaining and good argument was presented on both sides. The decision was in favor of the affirmative.

Aunt Susan Hewitt's many friends were glad to see her up town last Saturday for the first time since last November. She made her annual visit to this office, renewing for another year. This is Aunt Susan's twenty-seventh annual payment, beginning with the first issue, May 10, 1890, and we are certainly proud to have her friendship and patronage for so many years.

BIG CLASS ADOPTION

Royal Neighbors to Increase Their Camp Roll Friday

Friday of this week is to be a big day with the Royal Neighbors. The members of the local camp are busy arranging for the class adoption and entertainment. Fifteen candidates are ready now and more cards are to be acted upon Friday afternoon. The state oracle and district deputy will be here. The Brookfield degree team will arrive on 43 and put on the work at Woodman hall.

Each officer and member of the local camp are requested to meet at the hall at 1:30 sharp to vote on cards and go through the regular business before the visitors get here so the class may be adopted at once after the arrival of the Brookfield delegation. Mrs. Curry and Mrs. Stanley will come on 14 and spend the afternoon and evening here. At night Mrs. Curry will show stereopticon views of the Holy City during which Miss Lena Mendenhall will sing the song of that title. This part of the program will be open to the public.

All Royal Neighbors, whether members of the local camp or not, are cordially invited to be present both in the afternoon and at night. Supper will be served to the Royal Neighbors at the Rest Room at the close of the afternoon work and the evening entertainment will be over in time for the Brookfield visitors to return home on the "dude."

The Royal Neighbor camp is the largest and fastest growing ladies organization in the city and are about the liveliest bunch of lodge people you will find anywhere. There is always something doing and they always make good in all they undertake. Friday will be a big day for the society in Laclede and every member is expected to take part in making it so.

Reading Circle Meeting

The Reading Circle met with Mrs. J. W. Lomax Tuesday evening. Members present responded with interesting current events. The lesson was from the Chantauqua course, "American Ideas, Character and Life," chapter 7, "Clearing the Way." Mrs. M. P. Benson gave the lesson in a most interesting way. Mrs. J. E. Welsh the current events. The social hour was one of the enjoyable features of the evening. The hostess served delicious refreshments assisted by Mrs. J. Clair Lomax. The guests of the evening were, Mrs. Gus Bruns of Santa Ana, Cal., Mrs. C. H. Hetrick of Ballinger, Texas, and Mrs. Anna Willard of Napa, Cal. Circle adjourned to meet with Mrs. Patrick next regular meeting. Leader of lesson, Miss Love. Mrs. Bigger, current events.

Class Play at Forker

The junior class of the Forker high school will give a play, entitled, "Just Like Percy," at the Forker meeting house on next Thursday evening, May 18, with the following cast of characters:

Mr. Hudson, a widower.....Clyde Fazio
Percy Hudson, his son.....Milton Andrews
Christopher Maypole.....Wm. Fazio
Mrs. Harvey, a widow.....Mary Andrews
Ethel Liechester, her niece.....Bessie Louder
Mrs. Carter.....Grace Reed
Mrs. Maypole.....Netta Johnson
Hannah, Mr. Harvey's maid.....Norma Milford